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SIEF Progress and Status for Copper Slags, sold as a product, covered by the REACH Copper Consortium

The Members of the REACH Copper Consortium have identified a substance co-produced out of the process to smelt and recover copper from primary and secondary raw materials.

On behalf of the SIEF Facilitator for “Copper Slags Final Product*”, Metallo Chimique, the European Copper Institute (ECI) is authorised to communicate this information to all participants in the SIEF for the EINECS number listed below:

Substance C1 - Slag, copper smelting			
“Substance produced, from heterogeneous mixtures of copper contained material formed during copper production, by reduction at high temperature in molten state (i.e. melting and processing in a furnace) or by flotation processes. Main constituents are silicon dioxides and iron oxides, with the amount of non-ferrous metal oxides reduced to the lowest extent economically and technologically viable”			
EC name	Substance covered	EC number/ EINECS No.	CAS No.
Slag, copper smelting	High quality slag product; final slag; decopperised slag	266-968-3	67711-92-6

The Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF) provides the mechanism for all legal entities, who have pre-registered a substance, to organise themselves in compiling the technical parts of the appropriate registration dossier.

This activity is separate to the REACH Copper Consortium, managed by ECI, which has been formed by the copper industry for this specific purpose. Members of the Consortium have full access to technical information derived from substance identification, speciation, data collection and studies carried out for the purpose of registration.

Within the context of a SIEF addressing a substance, with a tonnage >1,000 T/yr, the main activities are:

- Election of the Lead Registrant
- Agreement on information to be jointly submitted:
 - Information generated to meet the requirements of Article 18.3 on physico-chemical, human health and environment properties
 - Hazard classification and labelling information if the Intermediate is put on the market

- Data sharing

Election of Lead Registrant

Following the end of the pre-registration phase, ECI communicated, via the contact addresses provided to ECHA by the pre-registrants of for each of the substances represented by the EINECS numbers listed above, a proposal that the Lead Registrant be the same as the SIEF Facilitator.

ECI received no objections to this proposal.

The June 2009 letter from the Lead Registrant confirming its appointment to ECHA is downloadable via the link on this website.

Compilation and Submission of Dossiers

A Joint Registration dossier, satisfying the REACH Regulation, is being prepared in consultation with the interested Members of the REACH Copper Consortium. It will be submitted by the Lead Registrant in summer 2010 and all Consortium Members will refer to it when submitting their own registration dossiers.

Access to Dossiers for non-Consortium Members

Any SIEF member will be able to purchase a '**Letter of Access**' (**LoA**) from the Consortium that grants permission to refer to the Dossier for the specific purpose of its REACH registration for the substance listed above.

The LoA entitles the purchaser to receive a copy of the Chemical Safety Report, Classification and Labelling information, the list of exposure scenarios and a valid security token to be able to complete membership in the Joint Dossier on REACH-IT. An LoA purchase does not include support from the Members of the Copper Consortium, or from the European Copper Institute, on issues related to registration by individual legal entities.

The terms and conditions, application form and fee for an LoA are available on this website. The fee meets the requirements of fairness and reasonableness.

In case of questions, please contact reach@eurocopper.org

*** The Consortium is also preparing a more limited dossier for "Slags Copper Refining" as an Intermediate - please ensure that your registration strategy is for the appropriate material**
